

TOWN OF
ARLINGTON



Cemetery Commission

Date: April 12, 2023
Time: 9:00am
Location: Town Manager conference room, 2nd floor

Minutes

Attendance: Commissioners Michele Hassler, Bill McCarthy, Brian Hasbrouck, Cemetery Supervisor, Jason Jones, DPW Op. Mgr., Dan Warren, Deputy Town Manager, Jim Feeney

Ray Dunetz attended the meeting via zoom

1. Minutes of March 08, 2023 were approved.
2. Deeds (4) were signed.
3. Ray Dunetz talked about the improvements to the columbarium circle and behind the wall. The circle could be replaced with a porous resin which is resilient. Resin color could be grey or tan. Jim will send links for colors. Gray would like good with the columbarium. Resin can be viewed at Whittemore Park. Maintenance would be easy as it could be hosed down yearly. Radial bench could be placed within the circle. Bench options were discussed. Metal bench, like the one temporarily placed there, tends to get hot in the summer. Wood could be an option, like the ones placed within the cemetery.

Back side of the columbarium would have an edging about 42" out. It could be seeded with a wetland seed mix which is low growing and watering would not be required. Jim will talk to Conservation Commission if RDA needed and notice of intent.

4. Mr. John Rogers addressed the commission about the Town Warrant article money as he was curious as to which cemetery or cemeteries this money goes to help.that is transferred out of the Perpetual Care Fund from the cemetery. He also asked if he could restore the bench at the flower circle of the I field. The commission decided it would be best if the bench was replaced with the type we are using in the cemetery. Danny suggested we see what Masscorp has under state bid.
5. Poets Corner: Michele asked if there is a possibility of using the area for cemetery use. Jim will keep this in mind.
6. Addressed the possibility of composting the flowers at clean-up. Dan was in talks with Charlotte to discuss the best practices if the cemetery had to compost and how the town could help to make that happen as the cemetery does not have the manpower to do this on site.
7. Discussed the flag burning process and what other cities do.
8. Kevin Duffy has started some work at MPC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am
Next Meeting will be May 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted
Jean Smith

Board of Cemetery Commissioners
Michele A. Hassler, Chairperson
William F. McCarthy
Brian L. Hasbrouck